

**OFFICE OF CENTRAL INSPECTION  
CITY OF WICHITA**

**POLICY STATEMENT/INTERPRETATION**

**DATE:** March 7, 1996

**SUBJECT:** Door Swings in Restroom Facilities for Individual Use

**CODE**

**SECTION (S):** ADA Sec. 4.23.2 and ANSI 4.16

**QUESTION:** May doors of a restroom designed for individual use swing into the required turning space and/or the clear floor space required at restroom fixtures?

**ANSWER:** Neither ADA or ANSI prohibits doors from swinging into the clear turning space. ADA prohibits doors from swinging into the clear floor space for any fixture; while ANSI allows swinging into the clear floor space required for fixtures if the restroom is for individual use or a clear space of 30 x 48 inches is provided beyond the arc of the door swing within the room.

OCI will allow individual use restrooms which are provided with privacy locks and without stalls to swing doors into the clear floor space required at one fixture only. The other fixture(s) must be provided with the required floor space(s) beyond the arc of the door swing within the room.

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